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For: **ADJUSTING A NUMBER OF DATABASE REPLICAS BASED ON A DEFINED THRESHOLD VALUE**

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Enclosed are:

- X 23 Patent Specification including an Abstract
- X 8 Pages of Claims
- X 4 Sheet(s) of drawings. Informal X Formal
- X 1 Declaration(s) and Power of Attorney
- X Form PTO 1595 and Assignment of the Invention to IBM Corporation
- A certified copy of a application.
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